Urban Renewal + Minority Groups

You have already heard Emory F. Bacon of the U.S. Steel Workers; Morton + Marshall; George Oberlander and James Pawley.
Although Larry Stalks and Hank Serlin are workshoppers from Newark, you probably have heard from many others in your smaller discussion groups.

I want to talk briefly about a few aspects of Urban Renewal which I feel the others you are having this week might not be quite so conversant with as I am. And I hope I don't repeat any of Pawley or Oberlander or steal the thunder of Thomas Saunders, Intergroup Relations Specialist of the H.H.F.A.

1. Book Desegregation and Urban Renewal
2. A Workable Program for Better Race Relations
3. U.R. is not cause of segregation but it has become synonymous with Negro Removal.
4. Let us talk of Newark because I know it best.
5. Racial Seg. is increasing in the Urban North + Coasts
6. Comm on Race + Housing 27,000,000 are restricted by race or ethnic descent in their choice of Housing.
7. Less than 2% of all New Housing since 1950 is available for Negro occupancy.

8. National Median price for a 3 bedroom Development Home is $10,990. Unfortunately only 29% of our country can afford that price and a very disproportionate # of that 29% are Negro.

9. Practice of the Fed. Gov't is to support the local practices, whatever they may be.

10. Why Indianapolis? Mississippi + Louisiana

Urban Renewal Clearance Programs + The Negro –

Four Negative Effects

1. The housing supply has been reduced by 75,500 units for "Negro Occupancy".

2. Four year survey of 47,282 Relocated families it was found that 2/3 located within 12 City blocks of former location in the cleared Ghetto.

3. U.R. = Negro Clearance – Beautiful new Luxury Apartments on old inter-racial sites. Gadsden, Ala – 250 Negro residences cleared for white.

4. Official City Agencies focus on physical + economic rehabilitation and forget about the social needs of people – The Human Side of Urban Renewal.

Finally, anyone of you in this room could stop any U.R. Certification if all interests + concerns of all relocatees are not officially resolved. (H+W.)